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SUBJ: PROCESS CONTROLS USA, MANILA -- DUTY FREE ENTRY

- 1. EMBASSY HAS WORKED OUT ARRANGEMENTS WITH DEPT. OF TRADE FOR DUTY FREE ENTRY, EXHIBITION AND RETURN OF EXHIBIT GOODS. EMBOFF CALLED (NOV. 4) ON SEC OF TRADE QUIAZON TO INFORM HIM OF PROCESS CONTROLS EXHIBITION AND FOLLOWED UP WITH EMBASSY NOTE NO. 706 OF NOVEMBER 6 WHICH REQUESTED BONDED STATUS FOR SHOW. DFA NOTE NO. 74-3138 OF NOV. 18 REPLIED THAT GOP AGENCIES CONCERNED HAVE BEEN ASKED TO FACILITATE THE HOLDING OF THE EXHIBITION.
- 2. ARRANGEMENTS BASED ON PRECEDENT OF QUOTE INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY EXHIBITION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA 74 UNQUOTE (IMEROC 74) AT THE FOOD TERMINAL MARKET ON NOV. 11 TO 20. ENTRY OF IMEROC EXHIBIT GOODS WAS ALLOWED FREE ENTRY PURSUANT TO SECTION 105(K) OF THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE, AS AMENDED, WHICH PROVIDES FOR EXEMPTION OF IMPORT DUTIES FOR QUOTE
- K. IMPORTATIONS FOR THE OFFICIAL USE OF FOREIGN EMBASSIES, LEGATIONS, AND OTHER AGENCIES OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS: PROVIDED, THAT THOSE FOREIGN COUNTRIES ACCORD LIKE PRIVILEGES TO CORRESPONDING AGENCIES OF THE PHILIPPINES. UNQUOTE UNCLASSIFIED

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- 3. ABOVE PRECEDENT OBVIATES NEED FOR POSTING ANY BOND OR APPLYING FORMALLY FOR BONDED STATUS. THIS SIMPLY INVOLVES LETTER FROM EMBASSY TO SECRETARY OF TRADE, ENCLOSING PACKING LIST AND INVOICE OF GOODS FOR WHICH DUTY FREE ENTRY IS REQUESTED ON UNDERSTANDING THAT ANY EXHIBIT GOOD SOLD WILL BE SUBJECT TO IMPORT DUTIES AND ANY APPLICABLE SURTAXES. DEPARTMENT OF TRADE WILL THEN OBTAIN TWO ENDORSEMENTS -- ONE FROM FINANCE AUTHORIZING CUSTOMS TO RELEASE GOODS UNDER SECTION 105(K) AND ANOTHER FROM CENTRAL BANK AUTHORIZING THE SALE (I.E., THE IMPORT) OF EXHIBIT GOODS.
- 4. ALL EXHIBIT GOODS SHOULD BE CONSIGNED TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, MANILA. FOR EASY IDENTIFICATION OF GOODS, MARKING SHOULD BE:

AMERICAN EMBASSY FOR TRADE EXHIBIT MANILA

5. PROCEDURES FOR DISPOSITION OF GOODS SOLD DURING EXHIBIT WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPTEL. SULLIVAN

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